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Haliburton Forest wins tourism award

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Tegan Legge was honoured and excited to go on stage to accept the Sustainable Tourism Award on behalf of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve along with Malcolm Cockwell, managing director, at the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala in Windsor last week

The award recognizes a viable and maintainable contribution to the practice and promotion of sustainable tourism in Ontario.

"There have been dozens of people over the course of 50 years who built the company [Haliburton Forest] that is receiving this award," Legge, the Forest's general manager, tourism and recreation, said in an email. "Even though I get to be the one that officially receives it, the award is really for all those people over the years who contributed to the company and who

keep contributing to it."
"When we talk about all those people who really earned this award, we are thinking about Peter Schleifenbaum, Elke Schleifenbaum, David Bishop, Sean Pennylegion, and the folks that built this company. Without what they did, we wouldn't ever dream of receiving this kind of recognition. We're also thinking about the staff that are building it today like Marena Wigmore, Penny Dawson, Melissa Pockett, Paul Brown, Innes Wallner, Dale Lynn, Phil Primavera, and so many others that make it possible for us

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Abbey Gardens hosts fall festival

Three-year-old Tessa Schelley of Haliburton paints her pumpkin during the Abbey Gardens annual Fall Festival event on Saturday, Oct. 23. Hundreds attended the event, which included pony rides, outdoor games, music, food and an opportunity to feed the chickens. See more on page 10./DARREN LUM Staff

Family seeks answers in son's death

JENN WATT

Editor

Six years ago, a collision between an ATV and a metal gate left a 19-year-old dead and his family has been left with questions ever since.

Welland resident Jake Hughes was visiting a cottage north of Haliburton on Aug. 20, 2012 when he and another young man decided to take an ATV out for a drive. They rode the vehicle along a beach and then up a laneway, which ended in a metal

Police concluded that Jake was driving the ATV and when he hit the gate, sustained major injuries. He was pronounced deceased at the scene by emergency responders. The other person on the ATV received minor injuries.

However, in the time after the accident, Jake's parents Pearl and Sam Hughes started to hear accounts that made them question the results of the investigation.

"We never questioned the OPP. They told us that Jake died instantly ... it was only when the witnesses went to great lengths to contact us that we had more questions that weren't being answered," Pearl Hughes said in an interview.

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Voters wanted change in Dysart et al, Fearrey says

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Murray Fearrey, the long-time mayor of Dysart et al, lost the election, but hasn't given up on the community he calls home.

On Oct. 22, Fearrey garnered 42.18 per cent of the vote, 932 fewer votes than mayoral candidate Andrea Roberts, who is currently deputy mayor. There were 6,059 votes cast out of 13,424 eligible voters for this election.

Fearrey called and congratulated Roberts on election night and reached out to new deputy mayor Pat Kennedy, who was elected over Dennis Casey.

"It's kind of like your report card you get. It's either you pass or you don't. This time I didn't," Fearrey said.
"What I did was congratulate her and wish her well

on the future. Pat's new coming on council with a lot of boardroom experience. Hopefully he'll be a strong voice and they'll work as a team and the new councillors are there. Some of them have been there before. They've got a mix. It's going to be interesting," he said.

Fearrey said without hesitation he won't be running again, but is not done working for the community.

"I may be involved in other things in the community.

I think I probably have a lot of experience I can bring to some areas and I'm getting some ... people asking what I'd like to do. You know what? I'm not done with Dysart. I'm not done with the people. I love this place. It's been my life and I want to see it succeed," he said.

Fearrey has been mayor/reeve for more than 34 years and was first elected to Dysart council in 1971

He believes he lost the election because voters were focused on change instead of his vision for progress, which included an effort to bolster Haliburton's economy by drawing young families and professionals to the area. He thinks his platform was dismissed because of its timing, perceived as "political opportunity."

"That's politics. That's how things get turned around," Fearrey said. "It never came to council. Of course it didn't come to council because I was laying down a vision for the next term to give people an opportunity to decide did they want to vote for change or want to vote for progress and a vision. Obviously, they chose change over progress. That's what I tried to do differently [than other campaigns]. Obviously it failed so I'm fine with

He called this the result of "populist politics" and cited other mayoral races such as the City of Peterborough where incumbent mayor Daryl Bennett lost to challenger Diane Therrien.

70-year-old Bennett, who was seeking a third consecutive term as mayor.

"It's happening where people are looking for something with no detail, just change. My opponent I respect, but there was no vision there. All there was was change ... if that's going to move us forward then I'll stand back and watch," he said.

Roberts has said she would bring a team approach to council, look for new ways of doing business, create a goal-oriented strategic plan and increase dialogue by holding town hall-style public meetings.

Fearrey said there is opportunity for Dysart to grow, whether it's economically through tourism or with new residents such as young people and families, or retirees.

It's going to be up to the new government to take advantage, he said.

"It depends upon the management. That will hopefully work out and move forward and make it even a better place to live," he said.

Åt 76, age isn't slowing Fearrey down.

"I've got lots of energy yet. I know the old man card was played that age was a significant factor. I've got as much energy as anybody that's 50 years old, in my opin-

New deputy mayor Kennedy ready to work with mayor-elect Roberts

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

New deputy mayor Pat Kennedy is looking forward to serving Dysart et al with mayor elect Andrea Roberts.

"My role as deputy mayor is to support the mayor. I'm looking forward to that role, both here at Dysart and at county council. I've got some priorities and I'm sure she does as well and I think they probably mirror each other and I'm looking forward to getting underway with them," he said.

Among the priorities Kennedy wants to explore are housing and internet and cellphone coverage.

The 65-year-old former director of Haliburton County's Emergency Medical Services said this is his first political win ever after getting "beat badly" close to four decades ago. The only time he ran for a political position was in his 20s for Ward 1 in Dysart.

Kennedy said his opponent and friend Dennis Casey probably knocked on more doors than him, but he said he believes the difference was in his stance on certain issues, which resonated with voters along with his greater presence on social media.

He said his wife, Cheryl, who was a scrutineer at the township office on election night, texted him the good

"She texted me and said, 'You won.' That's about all I

got," he said, laughing.

He had a sense of "relief and wonder" when he got

"I felt all along, especially the last two weeks that it could've gone either way. I thought it would be within a hundred votes ... it was a little bit of bewilderment and shock. Obviously, great happiness and then a humbling thing. A lot of people are putting faith in me and I hope I live up to it," he said.

Kennedy received a little more than 56 per cent of the vote. There were 5,717 votes cast in the deputy mayor's race out of a possible 13,424.

When the results were known on election night Casey texted to congratulate him.

"I believe we're on good terms. We were friends forever and I hope nothing there has changed," he said. "Andrea [Roberts] reached out as well. She wants to get together very, very shortly. I'm really encouraged by that, so starting to get excited. I'm going to go to county council for the last time for somebody sitting in the gal-

Kennedy said he went to see Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey after learning the results. He said Fearrey, who lost to Roberts by 932 votes, has done a lot for the community and that this was a "tough go" for him. Kennedy said he received encouragement from Fearrey every week for the last month in the lead up to election night.

"That was encouraging for me being a rookie. It was nice to hear from him. We don't always agree on things. It was nice to have that voice of experience. Somebody that can say: Jeez, three people said you're doing excellent and the next said you're going to lose. I just leaned on him a bit so it was nice."

When reached for comment Casey said he believes Roberts and Kennedy will do a good job. He concurred with Pat about remaining friends.

As far as the loss, Casey accepted the result. "It is what it is," he said with a smile.

In preparation for the election, Kennedy has been sitting in on county council meetings since March and since

To me, that was really important to [not just] learn a lot, but to see how the people interact and what things that don't get written in committee reports or the media. The last one was a great session. I'm glad I attended. It's going to help shorten the learning curve, I think," he

Kennedy appreciated the support he received, but also hopes to earn the respect of those who didn't.

I'm just overwhelmed by the level of support. To those that didn't [support me], I hope to earn your trust and faith going forward that I can do the job that needs to be done in this position," he said.



Incoming Dysart et al deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy says he's been sitting in on county council meetings since March preparing for the job. /DARRÉN LUM File photo







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Burton mayor again in Highlands East

Staff Reporter

Highlands East staff, municipal council candidates and scrutineers were ready for a long night when they arrived at the Lloyd Watson Centre on election night,

Some ate snacks before tabulating began, while one added a protein pack to her water bottle prior to tallying results of the Highlands East election, which were announced just past 12:30 a.m. the next day, on Oct. 23.

Incumbent Dave Burton solidified his fourth term in local office with 1,557 votes over Cheryl Ellis, who received 1,211 votes.

"I feel excited, I'm a bit overwhelmed with the support I got, and very appreciative of their choice," Burton told the *Echo*. "What happens now, we move forward, and I am going to say we stay the course. That's an old sailing term but I think it'll be up to me to help direct and guide council for the next four years as far as some of my ideas plus a lot of theirs. But it will be, and I guarantee to you, it will be a council decision. Not a Dave Burton show.'

"I was shocked and very pleased by the amount of support I received," said Ellis in an email to the *Echo*. "Everyone knows I have minimum experience and they still put the trust in me. How could I not be humbled by

Ellis said she has learned much about campaigning and the voting process, and said she will carry that knowledge forward with her for the next election.

Yes, I will run for mayor again," she said. "I still have my dreams and aspirations to make Highlands East the best we can be.

Moving forward, Ellis will continue to observe council and proceedings, and said she would like to learn more about county council and plans for Haliburton

"County council holds some new blood and I believe we will all benefit by the change," she said. "I have the time now to meet more of the people that are trying to keep our four little villages alive."

In Ward 1, incumbent Cam McKenzie reclaimed his seat with a win against second-time competitor and former councillor Steven Kauffeldt. McKenzie received 206



Candidates, Highlands East staff and scrutineers take notes as the unofficial election results are announced just after 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 23 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce./SUE TIFFIN Staff

votes to Kauffeldt's 66 votes.

Incumbent Suzanne Partridge, who also served as deputy mayor during the last term, reclaimed her Ward 2 councillor seat with 577 votes over 332 votes cast for

The councillor serving Ward 4 during this current council term has been Joan Barton, who did not run for re-election. Four candidates were vying for that position, with the council's only new member, Ruth Strong taking the seat with 323 votes. Peter Fredricks received 281 votes, James Deterling received 185 votes, and Bradlev Keller received 53 votes.

Cec Ryall was the sole acclamation in Highlands East, and will serve another term as councillor of Ward 3.

Highlands East council votes for a deputy mayor from among the elected councillors in its inaugural council meeting.

Thank You

To all who supported me in the election.

RUTH STRONG

Municipality of Highlands East - Ward 4

Unknowns with health ministry 're-alignment'

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 25 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told board members that it's unclear at this point exactly what changes to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care under the new provincial government will look like, or how exactly those changes might impact HHHS.

"It's not known yet, it's too early to tell," Plummer

Her report indicated that the province has announced a "re-alignment" of the organizational structure that, according to a memo from the ministry, "will clarify and simplify lines of accountability" allowing the ministry "to be more nimble and outcome focused."

According to Plummer's report, among the changes are aligning acute and emergency services; combining community and mental health and addiction services; and "centralizing the responsibilities for LHIN-managed health services under an associate aligned with key capacity, workforce and planning functions allow for end-to-end management of health services for better outcomes and improved integration."

"Although it is too early to know what impact this will have on HHHS, our integrated health services organization is well-positioned to align with this new structure," her report reads.

Dealing with legal pot

Marijuana was legalized across Canada as of Oct. 17, and HHHS will be updating its policies accordingly.

Its facilities and properties are already smoke-free zones, and board chairman Jeff Gollob said that marijuana would be included in the smoking ban, along with cigarettes. Gollob also indicated that the same laws and regulations that apply to alcohol in the workplace would be incorporated into policies.

"We'll be looking at what other hospitals are doing,"

The Minden and Haliburton HHHS facilities also include long-term care homes Hyland Crest and Highland Wood, respectively.

"There are some particular challenges and issues that need to be addressed with regard to long-term care, recognizing that we are providing a residence for those folks," Gollob said.

New chief nurse executive

HHHS has hired a new vice president of clinical services and chief nurse executive. Dr. Diane Duff is scheduled to start with the organization Jan. 7. Duff is a registered nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario and possesses a PhD in nursing from the University of Calgary, with specialization in clinical neuroscience nursing.

"Diane has experience in both clinical and academic settings all over the globe," a report from Plummer reads. "She has held progressive leadership and management positions in nursing and health sciences, and has worked in both unionized and non-unionized environments and managed large and diverse staff groups across multiple sites. Some of her experience includes working extensively with regulatory, professional, and government leaders; leading accreditation teams; being the lead researcher on a nurse-led tele-homecare project in the East York area of Toronto; and most recently engaging in projects related to assessing standards of practice concerning dementia care."



Thank you to my family, friends and campaign supporters.

I'd also like to thank the people of Dysart et al for putting their trust in me.

It will truly be and honour to serve as your mayor for the next four years.



Andrea Roberts Mayor of Dysart et al

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Third party investigation being done of the case

She said there were inconsistencies in what people were saying about who was driving, which made the Hughes family wonder if Jake really was the one in control of the ATV as was concluded by the police.

They took their concerns to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, which had the Peel Regional Police Service conduct a review of the initial OPP inves-

That process resulted in a disciplinary hearing with a charge of neglect of duty on the part of OPP Constable Tyler Johnson of the Haliburton Highlands detachment. Johnson pleaded guilty and was found guilty of one count of neglect of duty contrary to the Police Services Act on May 15,

The OPP has since requested an American police service review the circumstances of the collision and review the investigation.

The OPP discipline hearing document details several gaps in the way the investigation was conducted as well as proce-

Those gaps have led the Hughes family to continue seeking answers and further examination of what happened to their son

The hearing officer was acting Superintendent Richard Hegedus of the Toronto Police Service. According to the hearing document, there were as many as 13 witnesses available to be interviewed when Johnson arrived at the scene of the collision on Aug. 20, 2012. While some witnesses were interviewed that day, it took two months for the remaining witnesses to be interviewed. Contact information was not obtained from all witnesses before they left the scene and Johnson was not aware that he could interview witnesses outside of the OPP jurisdiction.

Despite being asked to re-interview the other young man on the ATV two months after the collision, that was not done. It was also alleged in the notice of hearing that Johnson "failed to follow-up or investigate the possibility of collusion between

Johnson, who had been on the job for 19 months, was named primary investigator because at the time, the OPP's practice was to assign roles based on who arrived at the scene first. The hearing document details how he went about conducting the investigation, which includes interviews with witnesses on the beach, those who attended the collision, and others who were at the cottage when Jake and the other young man decided to take the ATV

Some people interviewed stated that the second teen was driving the ATV, but at some time during the ride, he and Jake switched seats. Others said they did not see this happen and indicated they only saw Jake on the back of the ATV

"PC Johnson was aware that there were other individuals on or around the beach or cottage who may have had information about this matter but did not take immediate steps to locate or interview them," the agreed statement of facts reads.

"There were numerous inconsistencies and conflicting accounts amongst the witnesses, the hearing document later states, "Those inconsistencies should have been apparent to PC Johnson and led to further investigative actions. Notwithstanding those inconsistencies, PC Johnson did not ask any questions to determine if any of the witnesses were colluding or speaking with other witnesses about the information they wished to convey during their interviews. After completing the interviews, he did not review the statements carefully to determine whether he needed to follow-up on any inconsistencies or seek any necessary clarity."



They will review the circumstances of the collision and

provide review

of the entire

investigation. — Carolle Dionne

OPP spokesperson

Nineteen-year-old Jake Hughes from Welland was killed on Aug. 20, 2012 in an ATV accident north of Haliburton. /Photo

Johnson contacted the other young man in the collision to advise him that he would be in touch on Oct. 25 or 26, the document states. "PC Johnson decided not to conduct a further interview with him."

As public complainants in the hearing, the Hughes family had asked for a penalty

of dismissal for Johnson.

The judgment was "a forfeiture of 48 hours off" – a penalty submitted jointly by the defence and prosecution. The document noted "specifically, he is required to work an additional 48 hours and this will be completed at the earliest opportu-

It was noted that in similar cases, 48 hours would be in the high range of penalties for a neglect of duty charge.

The prosecution submission outlined in the document states that the incident damaged the reputation of the OPP.

This incident has tarnished the reputation of the OPP in the eyes of the Hughes family and others who are aware of this. There must be proportionate sanction in this matter to ensure the community understands that the OPP takes this type of misconduct seriously," the statement

The prosecution noted that Johnson's performance since the incident in 2012 had been exemplary.

Supervisors over the years that have passed since the incident noted Johnson was committed to learning and "is first to take a call and volunteers for any subsequent call for service. He could often be found at the detachment on his own time getting caught [up] on various tasks."

He was called energetic and hard work-

ing.
"In regards to specific and general deterrence, there is a need for Constable Johnson and all OPP members to understand that death investigations need to be treated seriously and that there are consequences to conducting a poor investigation. The prosecutor discussed the effect on [a] olice officer and indicated that a forfeiture of 48 hours will have an impact of financial significance," the prosecution submission in the document says.

In her statement to the hearing, Pearl Hughes said her family had been deeply affected by Jake's death and the subsequent investigation.

"I can no longer work at my job of 25 years as a community business manager due to the trauma of losing our son, Jake," she said in her statement, which was provided to the Echo. "I have horrible nightmares and have lost 44 pounds. Seeing

those pictures of Jake at the scene, reading how he choked on his blood for 38 minutes, listening to the 911 calls was something no parent should have to endure."

She said Jake's sister and brother had suffered greatly, as had other members of

Many thousands of dollars have been spent over the years on the investigation,

The defence submission stated that the neglect of duty hearing is an employment

"A number of officers were involved at the time and it was not just Constable Johnson's case as a number of police officers were involved in the fatal collision investigation," the hearing document

"When the OIPRD [Office of the Independent Police Review Director] reviewed the PRPS [Peel Regional Police Service] investigation, they identified some misconduct on the part of Constable Johnson and on the part of some others who are not before this tribunal."

The defence stated that Johnson accepted responsibility for not fully interviewing all witnesses in a timely fashion.

"At the time of this incident he was an officer for one year and seven months as a third class constable. It was OPP's policy at that time in 2012 that directed that the lead investigator for any incident was based on proximity and availability to attend a scene," the summary of the defence sub-

In his decision, Hegedus noted that Johnson had accepted responsibility and not attempted to shift blame elsewhere.

He "has taken steps to improve his job performance by delivering a higher level of customer service, working beyond what is required of him, working on his own time to complete assignments, and seeking additional training. All of those actions demonstrate that Constable Johnson has recognized the seriousness of his misconauct and has taken steps to preclude him becoming involved in similar misconduct in the future," the decision says.

Hegedus noted that there was a systemic factor at play.

When the fatal collision occurred in 2012, OPP procedures dictated that the first officer on scene was assigned primary responsibility for the investigation," he wrote. "In this case it was a junior officer who was assigned responsibility for a serious investigation. Due to the nature of policing in remote areas, that requirement was understandable because the

first officer on scene might have been the only officer to attend. In this case however, there were other officers who were more qualified to assume the responsibility for the investigation and ensure it was completed in the thorough manner."

Following the hearing, Sam and Pearl Hughes said they met with OPP Commissioner Vince Hawkes, who told them that an independent investigation would be happening.

OPP communications staff confirmed that "the Missouri State Police will be conducting a third-party investigation of the

"They will review the circumstances of the collision and provide a review of the entire investigation," Carolle Dionne, a spokesperson for the OPP, said via email.

The report from the Peel Regional Police Service is not available to the public, how-ever Dionne said the PRPS investigator did not determine who was the driver and who was the passenger. She wrote: "The report indicates: 'It is my (PRPS investigator) opinion that in all likelihood Hughes was seated in the rear passenger seat. This opinion cannot be more positive than

"The pathologist also did not determine that Hughes was trapped in the rear cargo seat. 'It is not his (pathologist) jurisdiction as the forensic pathologist to determine who the driver was and who the passen-

Regarding the practice of assigning the first officer to respond to be primary investigator, Dionne said: "A review was recently completed by Highway Safety Division regarding the investigation of serious traffic related incidents. As a result of recommendations from that review Major Case Management of 'benchmark collisions' is being formally introduced in all areas of the OPP and is already being practiced in many areas with appropriate oversight."

She also said that following an audit on the Collision Reconstruction program in 2010/11, "in 2012, there was the introduction of a three-tier review process for all Collision Reconstruction investigations. This review process provides the OPP with multiple levels of analysis and accountability. The final review is conducted by an independent reviewer. This independent review step had not been introduced at the

The Echo contacted the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment for comment and was asked to direct questions to Dionne. She did not respond to the email and phone message left regarding a request for comment from Johnson or the detachment.

The Hughes family said they are thankful that another investigation is taking place, but are frustrated by the process.

Pearl said she has been left heartbroken. 'It's been enough to deal with the loss of our son and he died a horrible death. A horrible long death and to think that you go through all the steps set out by the gov-

ernment to only be ignored," she said.

Sam and Pearl said after the finding of neglect of duty, they thought the OPP would re-investigate their son's death, but that hasn't happened.

"Our question is, why does the government have these procedures in p then nothing is done?" Pearl said.

The Hughes family has kept Jake's memory alive over the years with fundraisers and other events, raising \$100,000 for various charities, including the Special Olym-

Pearl said she intends to follow the investigation done by the Missouri State

'Jake deserved better," she said. "We will do whatever it takes to get justice for

Drug strategy details Haliburton's community priorities

Staff Reporter

A comprehensive report detailing what substance use looks like in Haliburton County and how harms associated with substance use are being addressed in the region was presented by Cathy Mac-Donald, substances and harm reduction co-ordinator at an Oct. 18 meeting of the board of health for the HKPR District

As was previously reported in the *Echo*, the HKLN drug strategy, Community Priorities 2018, focused on four main pillars: harm reduction, prevention and education, treatment, and justice and enforcement, supported by the guiding principles: collaborative; local relevance; evidence-informed; inclusive and accessible; and sustainable.

MacDonald said the objectives of the drug strategy are to foster and coordinate collaboration and partnerships in the substance use field to help reduce the harms associated with substance use, avoid duplication of services and share information about best practices and new research related to substance use.

Of 548 community surveys completed online or by paper copy, 15 per cent of the results were from Haliburton County, 51.1 per cent from City of Kawartha Lakes, 29.7 per cent from Northumberland with some other responses coming from areas outside of the three counties, mostly from Peterborough. Additionally, 79 surveys were held with service providers from 55 organizations.

The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction and the Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research identified that the highest contributors to the economic costs of substance use related to lost productivity, health care, criminal justice and other direct costs are alcohol, tobacco, opi oids and cannabis.

Aside from tobacco, MacDonald said alcohol continues to be the substance with the highest use rates as well as the highest cost associated with it.

"Alcohol was shown to cause the most harm in Canada," said MacDonald, "contributing to \$14.6 billion in cost, and in 2015, 83 per cent of youth aged 15 to 24 years in Canada reported drinking alcohol. This rate is slightly higher than the rate for adults 25 years and older, which is 78 per cent.

For the years 2015 and 2016, 56 per cent of individuals both male and female self-reported a rate of alcohol use that exceeded the low-risk alcohol drinking guidelines for injury and chronic disease.

Since 2003, the number of deaths due to opioid overdoses increased 246 per cent, according to MacDonald.

"More than 1,250 Ontarians died from opioid-related causes in 2017, and in the

first three months of 2018 there have been 307," said MacDonald.

Cannabis was the most frequently used illicit drug, although no longer illicit, by 12 per cent of the population in 2015. Approximately a quarter of cannabis users reported using it for medicinal pur-

The rate of cannabis use among Canadian youth between 15 and 24 is 24.4 per cent, approximately three times higher when compared to the adult population.

"In Ontario, about one in five students in grades 7 to 12 said they used cannabis at least once in the past year," said Mac-Donald. "Eighty-one per cent of students have not used cannabis at all in the past year."

Emergency department visits for cannabis overdoses increased from 4.9 visits per 100,000 population in 2016, to 10.5 visits per 100,000 population in 2017.

'A lot of which speaks to increased potency of what's out there, increased THC levels in cannabis," said MacDonald.

Close to half of HKPR residents aged 18 or older reported having ever used an illicit drug in their lifetime.

Harm reduction

"The philosophy and practice of harm reduction is considered a pragmatic, evidence-based approach to drug use which seeks to reduce substance use-related harms to individuals and communities, without necessarily discontinuing substance use itself," presented MacDonald. "The main goal of harm reduction is meeting a person where they are at with their substance use at any given time and is not about fixing people.

An outreach worker and peer worker provide services through Fourcast.

The health unit partners with Peterborough AIDS Resource Network for harm reduction programs, which include the needle exchange program as well as the naloxone distribution and training pro-

Haliburton hosts two sites for naloxone kits, the John Howard Society located in Minden and the health unit office located in Haliburton, with potentially more organizations to come in the following

The needle exchange program is offered at the health unit, and other sites in the community are actively being sought.

In 2017, there were 180 interactions with clients. In 2018 there have been 115 interactions and 9,300 needles in Haliburton being distributed through fixed sites and through outreach. People picking up supplies do not necessarily have a direct interaction.

The health unit is working on training with police, fire and emergency medical services, as well as emergency departments and some other hospital departments that are considered high-risk.

Prevention and education

"One of the most cost-effective and long-lasting ways to reduce the harms associated with substance use is to prevent them from happening through education and interventions in early childhood and adolescence," said MacDonald.

MacDonald said the health unit has been providing recommendations regarding cannabis legalization both at a provincial level and to municipalities. The health unit has also been working with police and municipalities after getting reports of needles being found in different locations throughout communities. In Haliburton, a needle disposal bin has been installed beside the walking path on Maple Avenue across from York Street.

The health unit also participates in a medication take back campaign. Trends indicate rising rates of recreational prescription use, especially among youth who tend to the get the prescriptions from family medicine cabinets," said MacDonald. "We have events where people can bring in their old prescriptions, or their unfinished prescriptions that we can dispose of safely and also advise people that they can attend any pharmacy at any time to get rid of those prescriptions, not to keep them around the house.

MacDonald said staff has just been trained in a Weed Out the Risk program, an educational program to address road safety risks of driving under the influence of marijuana for young drivers. The health unit is working to identify and recommend resources to educators, and working with school boards around policy development.

The Challenges, Beliefs and Changes program, a peer-based prevention education program trains senior secondary students to provide the program to Grade 8 and 9 students.

"It's about making choices, it's about critical thinking, and related to substance use and health," said MacDonald.

Two of the resources we are currently promoting are the lower risk cannabis use guidelines, and the promotion of the low-risk drinking guidelines, both of which approach from a harm reduction angle, giving recommendations on how to reduce the risks associated with substance use, rather than an abstinence stance,' said MacDonald.

'So we know that people under the age of 25 are particularly vulnerable to THC, so we do recommend delaying initiation," she said. "With any substance use, if people are going to start using it, go low and start slow. And be familiar with the product they're using, which is going to be an advantage of regulated cannabis, that you're going to be aware of the CBD levels as well as the THC levels in the products. Currently, with the illicit market, you don't know what you're consuming."

MacDonald said making sure people aren't driving if they've consumed, combining different substances and have considered the form – smoking versus vaping versus oil, for example - they're choosing to use are also part of the low-risk cannabis use guidelines.

The drug strategy acknowledges the Youth Hub in Haliburton, and says it "is another example of a prevention model that can help minimize the harms associated with substance use and reduce the rates of substance use among youth.'

Treatment

The treatment pillar addresses, "the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health of people who have concerns related to their substance use or are concerned for another person's substance use," said MacDonald. "This may include reducing barriers that prevent people from becoming engaged in care, and increasing options for recovery and treatment. The aim is not only to improve the health and well-being of individuals engaged in substance use, but also to improve the quality of life for families, neighbourhoods and communities affected by substance use."

The Haliburton Fourcast office had 90 people seeking services from 2017 to 2018, while 487 people sought services in City of Kawartha Lakes, and 437 people in Northumberland.

Fourcast offers community-based withdrawal management, so a person can stay at home to go through withdrawal in a managed and safe way, and also Hospital to Home services, specific opioid case management services and group supports. Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous are also in the region.

Justice and enforcement

"The justice and enforcement pillar encompasses interventions that seek to strengthen community safety by responding to criminal activity and safety issues associated with the use, manufacturing and sale of legal and illegal substances, said MacDonald. "This also includes social justice and enforcement efforts that address substance use and work with those struggling with addictions as well as other community leaders in the justice enforcement social and health sector to address shared challenges.'

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act allows people who are witness to an overdose situation, who may also be engaging in substance use, to call EMS without the risk of being charged for simple possession if they are also in possession or engaging in substance use.

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Autumn warmth

by Darren Lum

They're still standing

F YOU'RE READING this on Tuesday, Oct. 30, make sure to position yourself in front of a TV at 8 p.m. and turn it to CBC.

This is the week when Still Standing, a heartwarming look at small town Canada, features the people and institutions of Wilberforce.

The episode includes several well known businesses and personalities, such as Mayor Dave Burton, young entrepreneur Erik Morrison, Deep Roots Adventure, Agnew's General Store and the Bramham family with their geological tours/

maple syrup business. Tying it all together is Jonny Harris, a comedian with roots in smalltown Newfoundland and Labrador, who delivers a truly funny toast to the hamlet.

Still Standing is a program that "features rural towns across Canada that have survived despite a setback - often fading industry, natural disaster or population decline."

In the case of Wilberforce, the most recent setback has certainly been the loss of Scotiabank, which closed its doors permanently in January, 2017.

The episode was filmed in May of 2017, and many things have changed since that time.

One of those things is a recent reduction in hours at the Wilberforce and Gooderham LCBO stores. The Echo reported on the change a few weeks back when a concerned resident brought the issue to council. During the winter season, Wilberforce's store will be closed Tuesdays and Gooderham's will be closed Mondays.

Online, there was some wonderment why anyone would care that the liquor store was closed Tuesdays. Certainly people could wait one day, some argued.

But the reason this change matters is that it's another setback, albeit a much smaller one than the total loss of banking service.

It may be that there's not enough foot traffic through the store to justify the staff hours, but LCBO's decision to take away one day from Wilberforce and one day from Gooderham has implica-

It gives shoppers another reason to turn west to Haliburton instead of east

> to Wilberforce when they head out to get groceries, if a bottle of wine is on that list. For those who bank with Scotiabank, it makes their decision easier to pop over to Bancroft more frequently.

Plus there are now fewer hours for staff.

A one-day reduction at the LCBO is nothing Wilberforce can't overcome, but it is another challenge facing the hamlet. Residents are right to flag the issue with coun-

watt

Rural Canada is filled with stories like these – it's why Still Standing always has somewhere to film.

The good thing is, ingenuity and innovation can overcome these obstacles. Highlands East's reputation as the Geocaching Capital of Canada is a case in point.

As tonight's show demonstrates, when the people of a town make up their mind to get behind something, great things can happen.

(There is a viewing party happening at the Lloyd Watson Centre. There will be light refreshments and plenty of community pride. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Where do ghosts go?

Down

sharon

lynch

BN BELIEVED IN ghosts. His friends laughed but Ben didn't care because although he had never seen one himself, he knew ghosts

As Halloween approached Ben steeled himself for more smart comments on the subject of ghosts. "Oh look, it's a ghost hand," quipped his sister with a white napkin draped over her fingers.

"Hope you have plenty of treats for all those ghosts coming to your house Oct. 31," warned his cousin. "Because otherwise it could get ugly." Such statements were usually followed by snickering laughter.

But Ben had broad shoulders and had heard it all before. Fortunately his late mother had instilled in him the belief that people are composed of energy and when they die, their energy continues in the form of ghosts. She had seen more than one herself and so knew this to be true.

However he found the Halloween version of ghosts laughable and disrespectful. Children trailing sheets and canvassing for sweets one night a year was hardly to be taken seriously.

The most haunted place in his experience was the old farmhouse where his mother had spent her youth. Situated in the middle of a hundred acres outside Toronto, it had been a working farm for years after which it was a weekend retreat for Ben and his family.

For a city kid, spending time in a place with no electricity, telephone or running water had been an adventure in itself. The privy located in an outbuilding, the well with its stiff hand pump and the cavernous old barn were all fascinating in them-

But what had really fired Ben's imagination was the old house's attic. It was spooky. First he had to climb very steep and narrow stairs to the second floor. There were two bedrooms up there, the thin old curtains hanging like hair across the windows' wavy glass. Ancient motheaten quilts covered the painted metal beds and every time Ben reached the top of the stairs, he could taste the dust his climb stirred in the air.

Besides the two bedrooms there was another smaller room used for storage.

Not that there was much stored there by the time Ben got to it. Being an inside room, there were no windows so Ben had to keep the door open and have a flashlight handy when he explored the space.

The main attraction was an ancient trunk. His grandmother's porcelain-faced dolls, old black hats with netting and hat pins and a mysterious wedding dress crumpled in one corner were just some

of Ben's finds. He never stayed long enough in that room to completely examine the trunk's contents. His flashlight always gave out shortly after he turned it on and at that point he would quickly scamper back downstairs.

The strange thing was, there were different items in that trunk every time Ben rummaged through it. And then there was that feeling he would get as soon as he topped the stairs, as though he had interrupted something. Then if he went

into the windowless room, he could feel cold air on his neck and a heaviness to the dark that was impossible to articulate. As though to challenge himself, he always continued his exploration of the trunk at least briefly despite the hair standing up on the back of his neck.

Over the years neighbours had reported seeing lights in the empty windows, heard bagpipes from the top of the hill and one fellow even claimed to see a dead relative standing at the back of the house near the root cellar. While Ben would listen to these tales, he was always a bit envious that he had never seen or heard anything

Eventually the old farm was sold and a cottage. Lii changed for Ben. He grew up, started his own family and never saw the old place

Until one day when he decided to take a drive down the Fourth Line to see if it was still there. It wasn't. Instead a very large and very modern residence stood where he had once explored a creepy attic. Ben parked on the side of the road and looked over the property, remembering all it had meant to him so many years ago. And he wondered where the ghosts went.

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points of view

Quack versus honk

N THE WEEKEND, Jenn and I had what I'd like to call a "misunderstanding." It was nothing serious, of course, but it did reveal a larger societal issue that columnists like me are obliged to shed some light on.

I was doing what any normal person does on a Sunday at 7:25 a.m. – practising with my new duck call – when Jenn stomped downstairs in her pajamas, rubbed the sleep from her eyes, stood in front of me with arms crossed and said, "Hey! Do you think you might stop all that honking?"

Honestly, I was shocked. I was quacking, not honking. I know what you are thinking and agree completely – our educational system has failed us. After all, quacking and honking are two very different things.

Back when I was growing up, long before kids were taught reading, writing and arithmetic, we were taught quacking and honking. And, I'm proud to say, those kindergarten lessons are the ones that have stuck with me the most – and not just because I went through them twice.

steve

galea

In fact, I could go on any game show in the world and confidently answer any question regarding the difference between duck and goose vocalization. This is probably why I am so respected in the community.

Jenn grew up in a different, more "enlightened" educational era, however. As far as I can gather, it was one in which these important lessons were not drilled home with a cute duck dance where you had to wiggle your tail and flap your wings.

As a result, to this day she gets

quacking and honking confused.

That's why I believe we should forget all this nonsense about our changing our sex education curriculum and, instead, focus our educational efforts on things that will serve a child well later in life – such as knowing the difference between a quack and a honk.

I mean, if a person doesn't know this, how are they ever going to know which call to pick up when ducks are cir-

cling the decoys?

Having said that, I firmly believe we all have our part to play in education. That's why I went back upstairs with both duck and goose call in hand and tried to demonstrate the difference. Whether that sunk in through the two pillows Jenn held over her ears is anyone's guess, but my gut feeling is that she wasn't receptive to the knowledge I was so generously offering.

The good news is, after I finally managed to extract the socks she had stuffed into each of my calls, Jenn displayed

"How far away can birds hear those things?" she asked. I told her I have turned around ducks and geese from several hundred metres in the right conditions.

"Really?" she answered.
"Yes," I replied.

"That can't be true," she said.

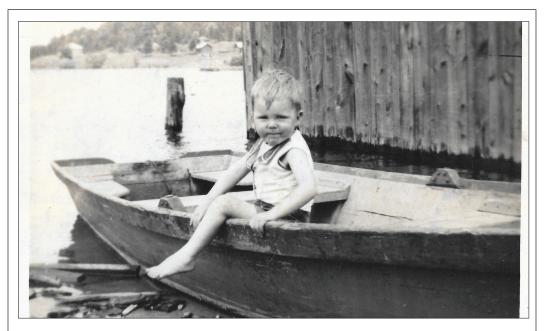
I crossed my heart.

She then asked me to walk down the road to demonstrate. And, since I never pass up on a teachable moment, I stepped outside, began calling, and then texted her to see if she could hear.

At 100 metres, she texted yes. And again at 200.

Remarkably, she could still hear me loud and clear at 400 metres – which was incredible since all our windows and doors were shut and various people were yelling at

Having proved my point, I walked home secure in the knowledge that Jenn must have a renewed respect for my old school education. And, at 10:30 a.m., after she woke up and unlocked the doors, she said as much too.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is of Brian Hunter, who was born Nov. 1, 1943 to Jack and Kell Hunter (nee Robinson), who lived in Peterborough at the time, but were from Haliburton. They moved back to Haliburton in 1946 so Jack could help his father run the Lake Shore Garage. Jack requested that the garage be able to service and sell Outboard Marine Corporation products. When Ed died in 1955, Jack took over the garage and phased out the automotive aspect of the business to concentrate on being an OMC dealer, changing the name to Lakeshore Marine. Son Brian, mechanically gifted like his father and grandfather, began working at the shop in 1961. He worked for his dad until the business closed down in 1984. Brian even built his own diving outfit using a Walling's Dairy milk can for the suit and a Johnson lawn mower engine to pump the oxygen supply. (This is displayed at the museum.) When Brian was in his prime before his physical health failed, he could tackle almost any small engine job. It has been said that Brian could fix an outboard motor

In the photo, Brian is shown sitting in a wooden rowboat beside a boathouse on the shore of Head Lake in Haliburton, some time in the 1940s. These boats were once common in Haliburton waters. (The photo is undated – how old does Brian look? Three or four years old, maybe?) At the top left of the photo is the Haliburton Continuation School, later the Lakeview School, then Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton campus, now possibly to be demolished for a condominium project. Brian will turn 75 on Nov. 1 and is a resident of Extendicare. He is as sharp as a tack and would welcome anybody who wants to drop in and visit him. Submitted by Steve Hill

letters to the editor

Newspapers inform community

To the Editor,

Re: Election Coverage

The Aging Well Haliburton County committee commends you for the extensive coverage of our recent local election. All-candidates meetings are valuable but for a variety of reasons, many people cannot attend meetings. In particular, many older adults find evening meetings impossible to attend for medical, accessibility, hearing and transportation reasons. Print media is essential in providing an additional option for voters to gain timely, relevant information on which to base their vote.

We also note that many smaller communi-

ties now have lost their one newspaper, with its reporters and vigilant, community-oriented editors. Haliburton County is unusually fortunate to be able to enjoy three papers of high quality, which are staffed by responsible, committed reporters and editors.

An informed citizenry is essential for a democracy, and a community newspaper is an important source for locally relevant news. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep Haliburton County residents informed and engaged.

Margery Cartwright, Secretary Aging Well Haliburton County

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Things to consider as winter approaches

SARAH LEVIS

Special to the Echo

The cold weather is here, and the leaves are falling. There's no dodging it anymore: Winter is on its way. As a woman left with physical disabilities after a stroke when I was 22, winter is a challenging time for me. I'm not especially bothered by the cold weather, but I don't

Let me say that again: I really don't like snow and ice. Especially when either (or both) of them accumulate on sidewalks, on stairs, on wheelchair ramps, and in banks that I must step over to get from my ride to the sidewalk.

I understand that sometimes snow accumulates because it's falling so fast and hard that there's no point in trying to clear anything or make surfaces safe for walking until there's a break in the onslaught. On those days, I don't go out unless it's necessary. If I must go out, I try to minimize my time outside so that I'm taking as few risks as possible on slippery surfaces. I've spent many winters in Haliburton. I know that on those days of constant, heavy snowfall, it's almost impossible to keep surfaces clear. I'm very impressed by businesses and organizations that try to do so, and very grateful to them.

But if I have to complain to an establishment about snow or ice that's obviously been accumulating for a couple of days or more on its steps or wheelchair ramp, especially if I have to do so repeatedly, rest assured that I'll stop frequenting that establishment if at all possible. I'll also let people know why I did so.

Here's why: I won't go where I'm clearly not welcome. An establishment can't keep its stairs and ramps clear in winter whenever possible might as well have a sign posted on the door that tells me (and other physically disabled people) to go away. I will assume that if the people in charge truly cared about what I have to offer, they'd make sure that I can get into the building. Plenty of owner/administrators in Haliburton County do keep up nicely with snow and ice removal, so maybe I'll look for another business that more obviously wants my money, another volunteer organization that more obviously appreciates my time and experience, or another community group that more obviously wants my input.

I know that no one intends to say, "Go away, disabled people." But poor snow and ice removal sends the message that what I have to offer isn't as good as what a nondisabled person does, and therefore not worth the effort it takes to keep entrances free of built-up ice and snow.

That used to make me a bit sad. But now, frankly, I'm over it. I know my worth, and if other people don't, that's their problem. But the short-sightedness puzzles me, particularly in the business realm.

My money is just as good as anyone's, after all.

And this isn't just about me.

I mean, it is in that I am a young(ish), moderately disabled person, and therefore not the "norm" in Haliburton. However, Haliburton has a high population of older adults compared to the rest of the province (according to Census 2016). As someone interested in accessibility issues, I sit on the County's Aging Well Committee, a group of older adults trying to keep Haliburton County a place where seniors can live happily and healthily. Getting around safely in winter is a concern that most committee members share.

It's also a concern for parents with kids in strollers, and people who for whatever reason are a little unsteady



Haliburton resident Sarah Levis is asking for help this coming winter. "I know that no one intends to say, 'Go away, disabled people.' But poor snow and ice removal sends the message that what I have to offer isn't as good as what a non-disabled person does, and therefore not worth the effort it takes to keep entrances free of built-up ice and snow."/DARREN LUM Staff

when walking, and people with no mobility issues at all who are just walking a bit too fast to get out of the cold.

Here are a few things to think about:

•A wheelchair ramp that's got snow and ice built up on it is of no use to anyone. Better by far to block it off until the people in charge of the ramp can commit to keeping it in a condition where it's safe for all people to

•When snow and ice enter the equation, anyone can fall. I was 19, pre-stroke, fairly healthy, and wearing quality winter boots when I took a bad step in a snowy city parking lot. I fell flat on my back and banged my head off the pavement. Luckily, I wasn't seriously hurt.

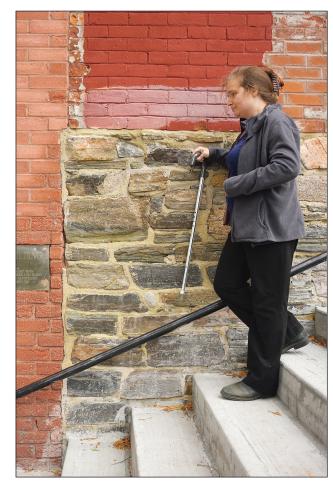
•I'm not as militant as I sound. If I bring concerns about an accessibility issue to you and you demonstrate that you're willing to listen to me and take me seriously, you're aces in my books. If I see evidence of action based on our discussion, I will sing your praises all over. But having to come back over and over about the snow or ice on your stairs or ramp is annoying for both you and for me.

I don't like doing these sorts of call-outs. But even 20 years after my stroke, I'm still a bit unsteady when I walk, even using my cane and especially in winter. And I know that there are many people in Haliburton County who are much less mobile than I am and wish that more people were saying these things.

So, I'll keep saying them, as long as I must. Just take care of your snow and ice so that people can get into your building.

It's not that hard.

Haliburton resident Sarah Levis walks along the stairwell close to the cenotaph in Haliburton, demonstrating how the old railing is at the wrong height for any assistance.





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Award motivates Forest staff to continue striving for excellence

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to have a Canopy Tour, Wolf Centre, dogsledding, outdoor education, and all the other sustainable tourism operations.'

The other nominees in the sustainable award category were the Cowbell Brewing Company and the Windmill Lake Wake and Eco Park.

This isn't the first Tourism Industry Association of Ontario award given to a person or business from the Haliburton

Two years ago, Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors won the Tourism Champion of the Year award and then his business Yours Outdoors won the Sustainable Tourism Award last year.

Legge said this award is not only confirmation of what has been done, but will spur greater efforts.

"We view an award like this both as recognition of our past achievements and an invitation to do even better in the future. In terms of the recognition component, we couldn't be more excited and honoured to have received this award! To be recognized at a provincial level for our achieve-



Tegan Legge, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve's general manager, tourism and recreation, shows off the Sustainable Tourism Award at the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Caesars Windsor. Legge accepted the provincial tourism award with the Forest's managing director Malcolm Cockwell. The award recognizes a viable and maintainable contribution to the practice and promotion of sustainable tourism in Ontario. /DARREN LUM Staff

We are very grateful to have such a supportive community around us.

— Tegan Legge

ments over the years is an incredible feeling that extends through the entire Haliburton Forest team both past and present," she wrote

Legge said it was humbling to be included among an "elite group of tour-ism operators, marketers, ministry offi-cials, and organizations. This definitely motivates us to work alongside other operators to be an even better sustainable tourism destination," she wrote.

She said this recognition was the highest award the Forest has received for its tourism and recreation operations.

Currently, the award is at home with

She wanted her family to see it, as it represents the sacrifice they give for her to do her job. She said the award will end up in a "prominent place at the main office for everyone to see."

Incoming Dysart councillor John Smith

emailed Legge congratulations.
Part of the email read: "This is fantastic recognition of the wonderful work all of you are doing at Haliburton Forest and a substantial step in the journey toward making Haliburton County 'the' destination for sustainable tourism across all of Ontario. Based on the track record of innovation and continuous improvement you and your team have established your ultimate success in this quest seems virtually certain. However, as with any ambitious goal much work remains.

Legge said Smith was one of many who sent congratulatory messages following

"We are very grateful to have such a supportive community around us, who are just as excited about this award as we are. My email and social media notifications have not stopped since Wednesday night when the news hit the internet," she

Walt McKechnie

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Special thanks to the municipal staff for their hard work on election night.

I would also like to thank Murray Fearry for his 40+ years f service to our community.

A strong voice & team player for you at council. 705 854 0987 / wmckeck11@gmail.com





Bon Appétit

Above, Janet Bottum looks at a silent auction item at the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary International Night fundraising dinner on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Haliburton Legion. The sold-out event raised a net profit of close to \$14,000 and featured the catering of Rhubarb, the service by the Heritage Ballet Studio dancers, and wine from the Minden Wine Store. The evening included French appetizers, main courses and desserts. It will contribute to the purchase of two in-patient beds for acute care worth \$22,000. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary president Jacqui Clarkson pours wine at the auxiliary dinner, which had a French theme



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Above, six-year-old Oliver Quinn Williams of Haliburton rides a pony at the Abbey Garden annual Fall Festival.



Three-year-old Tessa Schelley of Haliburton paints her pumpkin.



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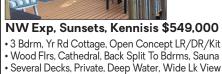
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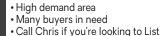
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And then along came Maryjane

Maybelle's

said, "and folks got into all kinds of trouble with the law when they were caught drinking it, don'tcha know. Now, with Maryjane being legal here in Canada ...

"Marijuana, Maybelle," Twindle Mumbly said, correcting me.

'Marijuana," I said.

Cannabis, Maybelle," Beanpole implored.

Look," I barked back, "Maryjane, marijuana, cannabis, it's all the same, and you know it, so knock it off and let me finish. I've lived long enough for its name to

change 100 times and that alone makes me feel older than Methuselah."

Hair colour would help," Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes said, patting her bottle blonde bouffant.

Vilma Yuccch piped in, in her inimitable fashion: "Well, I'm happy that people won't go to jail any-

more for smoking it."

"And I hear," Beanpole said, "that folks who have police records for having had small amounts of cannabis on them might be able to get their records

expunged, which seems pretty fair to me."
"Expunged?" Vilma asked, her baby

blues as big as saucers.

"Removed," I said. "Clean slate, dear."

"Well, I'm glad of it, too," said Vilma's significant smother, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, giving her a hug. "What concerns me now is people smoking cannabis or eating it in food or candy and driving high." driving high."

Sybil jumped in: "Why my old friend, Naughtius Barnicus, took a bite of a THC infused candy bar and 20 minutes later his legs caved in and he landed full-force on Stewart, his cat. Flattened him like a furlined pancake. Can't imagine what would have happened if he were driving."
"Who? Stewart or Naughtius?" I said,

teasing her. Sybil smirked as I continued. "Now let's be clarifying this THC thing, because CBD is also a cannabinoid that's in the cannabis flower that some people use for pain and seizures. And, CBD won't put you at risk of flattening your cat, don'tcha know. Why, according to CanniMed.ca, an online site for medical cannabis in Canada, CBD doesn't get you high at all. Why, Janet McMumphries who's in my water colour class takes CBD oil for the pain in her back that no prescription drug could ease, and according to her, it works. And listen

to this," I said, reading some information I found on the CanniMed.ca site: "Medicinal cannabis high in CBD and extremely low in THC has been used with children with varying disorders, particularly rare forms of epilepsy when all other treatment options have been explored."

Twindle Mumbly who had been sitting all quiet-like listening to us babble, said: "Well, I think the key to this whole cannabis thing is to read all about it. Or NOT. I mean, for most people, like me, the fact that it's now legal in Canada isn't going to change our lives one smidge. But, I think for folks who might get some benefit from it, it's worth looking into. And look at us,

we can talk about it without

a stigma attached to it."
"Oh, I preferred the intrigue," Sybil said. "Low muted discussions in dark shadowy corners."

"You watch too many crime shows," Beanpole quipped.

'Ño, just the news."

"Getting back to Officer McB's driving concern, I'm with you, Stanley," I said, looking straight at him. "When it comes to driving, it just makes sense not to drive if you've been smoking or eating it, just like you

shouldn't drive when you've been drink-

ing alcohol."

McB added: "That's right. You know, I've pulled over drivers who were driving so slowly, turtles passed them by. And sure enough, when I asked them to roll down their windows, they reeked of weed. So ... who wants some? Anybody?"

We all eyeballed each other. Is he seri-

"Just kidding," he said. "I don't have any, and if I did, I wouldn't have any now, because I'll be getting into my car in about 10 minutes." He looked at us inquisitively. 'Uh, did you want some?'

For the first time in a long time I saw

Twindle giggle, Beanpole, too.
Sybil looked totally uninterested as did

"Maybe CBD oil for my arthritis pain," I said. "I'll read more about it. In the meantime, who'd like some nice hot apple cider and homemade pie, sans cannabis.

"Sans?" Vilma asked.
"Without, dear," I said.
Everyone raised their hands.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jere-lyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo *Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.*



Launching hospitality industry association

Bonnie View Inn's chef Jay Picard loves the Highlands and wants to draw more people to the hospitality industry. Picard is launching a Haliburton County based Hospitality Industry Association, which will have regular meetings for socialization, discussion and opportunities to resolve area issues. The first meeting is Nov. 14 at the Bonnie View Inn./DARREN LUM Staff

Getting in the spirit of the season

KATE BUTLER

Special to the Echo

What's your favourite part of the Halloween season? The costumes? The decorations? The candy? The roots of our modern traditions lie centuries, if not millennia, ago. In the Celtic tradition, Halloween, known as Samhain, was the New Year, a time to celebrate a successful harvest, but also to recognize that the long winter nights were coming. In an era before mass produced sweets, the original treats would have been the apples and nuts which represented the bounty of the season. The costumes we wear have their roots in a desire to disguise oneself from spirits which might have been abroad, as this was seen as the time when the barriers between this world and the "otherworld" were said to be at their very thinnest. Not all spirits were seen as threatening though. Families might leave food out or candles in the window as a sign of welcome to departed loved ones who would come back to visit, though this custom wasn't unique to the Celtic regions.

Have you heard the tale of the original jack o'lantern? It tells of a man named Jack who during his life had tricked the Devil, but when he died, he was turned away from the gates of Heaven. He made his way to Hell, but the Devil wouldn't take him either. Jack made his way into the dark night, but at the last moment, the Devil tossed him a hot coal to light his way. Jack placed his coal in a turnip - not a pumpkin! - and is said to still be using it to light his way as he roams. So, yes, you did read that right – the original jack o'lanterns were made from turnips, and you're also right that they are much harder to carve!

Though many North American Halloween celebrations have their roots in the Celtic tradition, it's important for us to remember that there are other customs celebrated this time of year, with one of

the most colourful being the Mexican tra-dition of Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead. Many people are familiar with the imagery of skeletons associated with these celebrations, but it's important to know the meaning behind these images. Dressing as a skeleton means that death is nothing to fear - it is essentially a way to laugh at death. Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate our ancestors and show them that we're doing well, hence the bright colours and exuberant decorations which are such a part of the holiday. Would you like to learn more? Don't miss out on our final Hali Halloween event for this year, happening at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Melodie Acero will be sharing a wealth of information about this holiday, and we invite everyone attending to also bring a picture of a departed loved one, if they wish, to add to be included as part of the Dia de los Muertos altar which we'll be creating. Don't miss out on learning all about this fascinating tradition!



Things were getting a little spooky in Larry Strong's house when his cat decided to take a round out of a pumpkin sitting on the floor.





Haliburton hosts Halloween parade

Costumed revelers geared up for Halloween by parading through town on Oct. 27. The parade, presented as part of Halloween celebrations in town, gathered at the Dysart municipal building and, led by Andrew Mansfield on bagpipes, joined together in celebration at Head Lake Park, where poetry, a witches dance and a costume party set the spooky mood in advance of Halloween./SUE TIFFIN Staff





Craft sale kicks off Christmas season

community news wilberforce Hilda Clark

There is a Christmas craft sale this Saturday, Nov. 3 here at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. It is the 34th annual sale that Joyce Bowman has operated here the first Saturday in November. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free tea and coffee and also free draws for door prizes. Always some interesting arts and

**Ken Barry &

*Jacquie Barry

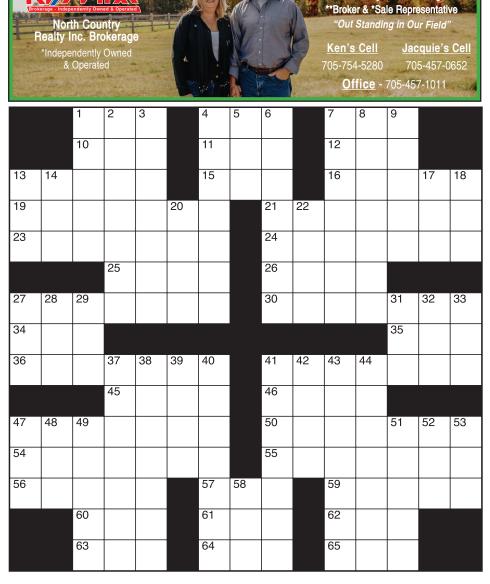
The waiting is over. Tuesday, Oct. 30 has arrived. You may be smiling and chuckling or cringing over what CBC Jonny Harris and crew finally aired about our hometown on the program Still Standing. Or if you are reading this early in the day you may plan to find out at 8 p.m. tonight at home or with some folks who will gather at the LWMC from 7 p.m. to witness what all of Canada will be

informed of how we are Still Standing.
With some crafty planning and parking last Sunday was a fine day for me. The challenge was to attend both the Carol Off presentation at Pinestone Resort and the final program in the Concert Series The Poet and The Singer at the Northern Lights Pavilion which were partly on at about the same time!

I was delighted to have CBC Radio host of As It Happens Carol Off sign my copy of her latest book All We Leave Behind and chat briefly before her presentation. I hope many will read this book. One learns so much about the author herself in this real life refugee story. What a Cana-

Thankfully there was little traffic and I was able to enjoy a good portion of the concert featuring poet Jeff Pinkney singer Leslie Fagan and the pianist Lorin Shalanko. Intriguing poetry and fine music to soothe the soul and stimulate the mind. All worth missing refreshments after service at St. Margaret's.

Crossword brought to you by



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expresses weights (abbr.)
- 4. Pounds per square inch
- 7. Central Time
- 10. One who speaks for others
 - 11. Aussie TV station
 - 12. Swiss river
 - 13. A way to improve
 - 15. Awesome!
 - 16. Appeal to
 - 19. Satisfy
- 21. The Emerald Isle 23. Quick passages
- 24. Love of humankind
- 25. Fleshy beak covering
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Basketball stat
- 30. Makes unhappy
- 34. The Princess can feel it
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Of one
- 41. Prom accessory
- 45. Jai ___, sport
- 46. Assist in wrongdoing 47. Small hill
- 50. Erases
- 54. Fill with motivation
- 55. Part of your face

- 56. Novelist Coelho
- 57. Francisco is one
- 59. Narrow space between two buildings
- 60. Soak
- 61. Proofreading mark
- 62. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Baseball stat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Types of lenses
- 4. Partial paralysis
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Alphabetical lists
- 7. Danced about
- 8. Set out
- 9. Trick's partner
- 13. Second sight
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 18. Tooth caregiver
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. Nui, Easter Island
- 27. Away from

- 28. Member of Congress
 - 29. Car mechanics group 31. When you plan to get
- 32. Bother incessantly
- 33. One point east of due
- 37. Small giveaways
- 38. "MASH" actor Gould
- 39. A type of habitat
- 40. Refined delicacy
- 41. Inflection of the voice
- 42. Follow orders
- 43. Discharge
- 44. Of the stars
- 47 Briefly place into
- 48. Present in all living cells
- (abbr.)
- 49. Take illegally by force
- 51. Genus of moth
- 52. Midway between east and southeast
- 53. Bashful
- 58. French river

Answers on page 16

Harvest dinner feeds West Guilford crowd

community news **west guilford**

Eleanor Cooper

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First of all, an apology to Shane and Linda Sisson. It was not Kevin and Bev's anniversary. Shane and Linda celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with their children Amanda, Kristin and Ryan and five grandchildren. The community centre was beautifully decorated, the tasty lunch delicious, and live music was played for dancing. Congratulations on the almost surprise, then, on Sept. 22 for the great celebration.

The Maple Lake neighbourhood and Guilford have lost a dear friend and relative in the person of Nellie Cook and the sympathy of the community goes out to all concerned. A large crowd of family and friends were welcomed at Maple Lake United Church for the reception following the service.

The community has also lost two former and valued members of our church leadership in the persons of Stuart Wilson of the WG Chapel and the Rev Wesley Oak of the United Church.

It is noted that the West Guilford

Chapel has been vacant for some time and is now sold.

A harvest dinner at Maple Lake United Church was served on Oct. 13. We were welcomed by the Rev. Max Ward who also blessed us with the grace before the beautiful pork and pie dinner served by the members of the church.

This is truly belated, but now congratulations are heartily extended to David Barker who won the bronze medal in the triathlon in Orillia on Aug. 19 for his age

We end on a very happy note. Mildred Cooper celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 27 in St. Catharines. Very warm and hearty wishes from the community join the congratulations of her family, Cindy and her son, Greg and Cheryl and their

Another note of joy is the happy anniversary on Oct. 20 of Pam and Derek Rolfe: their 65th! The occasion was celebrated by an open house at their home with many friends and family in attendance. Their son, Paul, was present and their son, David, with Julie and children

Bronwyn and Derek. Pam's friend from Belleville, Janet, has kept in touch since girlhood days in England when they were in Guides together. The Mayor Murray Fearrey came by with an honorary certificate of congratulations from the municipality. The day finished with a family dinner at Rhubarb.

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This year's Red Hawks Cross Country Team, at back, from left, Karen Gervais (coach), Brendan Coumbs, Shawn Walker, Isaac Little, Michael Stephen, Logan Heaven and Logan Baird. At front, from left, Melinda Snyder (coach), Jacob Dobson, Teo O'Malley, Faysal Wiso, Corin Gervais, Aiden Hill, Nick Phippen, Kyra Cockwell (coach) was well-represented at COSSA. Unfortunately, the strong results were not enough to earn OFSAA berths (some of which were just one place shy). Missing for the photo is Coleman Heaven. /Photo submitted by Karen Gervais

Red Hawks runners stand tall at COSSA cross country

KAREN GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

The HHSS Cross Country team had a bittersweet day on the COSSA trails last Wednesday.

Despite finishing their season with strong performances and personal bests by all runners, the Red Hawks seemed destined to win the consolation prize that day. The COSSA meet was held at the Goodrich-Loomis conservation area, just north of Brighton. This was the team's second attempt at this course, running it at an invitational meet held at the park three weeks prior.

Up and coming runner midget boy Logan Baird, set the pace with his seventh place finish, completing the four kilometre midget boys course a full minute faster than his previous run in a time of 14:49.29. The midget boys' course features a really steep climb – one Baird had walked up when running the course the first time. With confidence from new cross country spikes and a focus on hill training over the last weeks, he tackled this hill with ease and finishing the course strong, feeling assured his performance had earned him an OFSAA berth. The top two teams comprised of four runners, and the top five individual finishes who are not part of a qualifying team earn the right to represent the association at next Saturday's OFSAA meet held at the Christie Conservation area near Hamilton

After a suspenseful wait for the results, Baird had to swallow the bitter pill that only a single runner finishing ahead of him was part of a team, meaning he had only qualified as the association's alternate, who runs only if one of the qualifiers is unable to compete. Baird accepted this fate however, acknowledging that he could not have run any faster than he did. Baird's midget boys teammate Nick Phipoen ran an impressive course best, shaving 2:25 off his previous run on the course to finish seventh. Corin Gervais also improved his time by nearly a minute and a half to place 18th.

The five kilometre junior boys race brought more drama and suspense.

Runners Logan Heaven, Teo O'Malley, Jacob Dobson and Brendan Coumbs were coming into the meet as the second place Kawartha team, where the week before in Peterborough, the boys had run a dynamic team race, spurring each other on to seventh, 12th, 13th and 14th place

finishes respectively. The boys' motivation at COSSA was fuelled by the recognition that they were serious contenders for an OFSAA team qualifying spot, and began to view themselves as a force to be reckoned with on the trails. This drive translated to energy and team support as the boys once again stuck together to drive each other to new race bests.

Logan Heaven led the Red Hawk junior boys with a 11th place finish, making a strong move at the end of the race to secure one more team point. Logan communicated his concern about the white team – Nicholson – to his teammates, as ones they needed to beat. Teo O'Malley followed Heaven with a 17th place, also making determined passes on the final hill, and Coumbs followed in 20th and Dobson in 21st. Driven by the team effort, the boys each shaved off a minimum of 90 seconds from their previous times, when the team scored fifth at the invitational meet three weeks before. Coumbs, running with his arm in a cast from a hockey injury, improved his time on this five kilometre course by three minutes and 24 seconds.

The boys once again waited in anticipation for official results, and once again our OFSAA hopes were dashed. The Red Hawks finished one point behind Nicholson with an overall team total of 69, leaving them one point shy of an OFSAA berth. It has been many years since the Hawks have qualified a team for OFSAA.

As the junior boys received their disappointing news, first year senior Isaac Little prepared with teammate Shawn Walker. Little was third at the Kawartha meet the week before, where Walker had a strong run for a sixth place finish. Little's training this year was marred by injury and time commitments to hockey, a severely sprained ankle at the very first practice of the season putting him out for two weeks. As noted by one of his competitors who follows all the top runners in the region, Little's times continued to show the most dramatic improvement throughout the season as he strove to reach his potential as a runner. The senior boys six kilometre run, consisted of a one kilometre loop, a four kilometre one then a repeat of the one kilometre loop. The Hawks blasted off at the start, putting themselves in a strong position in a field of very talented runners, four of whom placed in the top 30 at OFSAA last year. Both Little and Walker shaved a full minute off their times from their previous runs on the course, with Little finishing in 10th, in a time of 21:54.68 and Walker following in 21st.

And the Hawks waited again for results. And Little was awarded the OFSAA alternate spot again, competing only in the event another competitor is unable to.

As a Grade 12 graduating student, this was Walker's last meet and his commitment to the program will be missed. Walker is looking forward to running during the track and field season in the spring before he hangs up his spikes how-

The coaches were thrilled with the team's results, knowing all athletes had left nothing in reserve, approaching their run and supporting their team with heart and determination. They are anticipating continuing to grow the team, hoping to field full teams in all categories next year, with a goal of having some female runners on the team as well. Coaches are community volunteer Kyra Cockwell and Hal High staff Karen Gervais, Melinda Snyder and Catherine Andress.



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE:
 - TIME: LOCATION:
- Wednesday, November 14th, 2018
- 11:00 am.
- Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. D13-MV-2018-009 Wismer
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a two storey carport/private cabin on a lot located in the WR6L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a two storey carport/private cabin to have a minimum water setback of 26 metres (85 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 30 meters (98.43 feet)
 - Location: Part Lot 31, Concession 8, Parts 1 to 3, 19R-6266, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Artisan Lane – Guilford Lake).
- 2. D13-MV-2018-010 Winsor
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a two storey accessory building on a lot located in the RU1 zone:
 - a) An increase to the provisions of Section 3.1(e)(ii) to permit the second storey of a two storey accessory building to have a maximum floor area of 85 square metres (915 square feet) as opposed to the required maximum of 45 square metres (484.4 square
 - Location: Part Lot 34, Concession 2, Part 4, 19R-2791 and Parts 1 to 5, 19R-3049, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Liswood Road - Basshaunt Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

UPCOMING Community **Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Art Squared

When: Opening night Friday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Where: Meet at the Dominion Hotel to get your number and be piped over to the Finn Gallery.

First annual fundraiser. Choose an original painting. First come first served. All paintings offer at \$100 to support an art student at Fleming School of Art + Design. Show hours: Friday, Nov. 2 from 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 3 from 12 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 4 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Chili Dinner

When: Nov. 3, sittings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Where: Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd. Come out and enjoy a steaming bowl of chili, complete with a chili topping bar, freshly baked rolls, veggie trays and homemade desserts, coffee and tea.

Adults \$15, 12 years and under \$8, five and under - free. Call Linda at 705-286-3438 or Nancy at 705-286-3339 for reservations.

Flu Shot Clinics

Special flu shot clinics only for families with children under five years of age are ongoing through November. Both children and parents/caregivers can be vaccinated. To book an appointment, call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m

Where: Gooderham United Church, Hwy 503, Gooderham Lunch: Soup and sandwich, \$5

Variety of gift items for Christmas

Jeff Moulton and Mike Clewlow

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom

Cost \$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal by the Haliburton Legion.

Gord Kidd & Friend, Scott Russell

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Minden Legion

Light lunch available 12 - 2 p.m. & meat draw 1 p.m.

No cover charge

Mistletoe Magic

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Where: Kinmount Community Centre Hosted by the Kinmount Artisans

Elvis and Tammy in Concert

When: Friday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George Street at

Pine Street in Haliburton

Garry Wesley, world-renowned Elvis impersonator, in concert. Opening by Donna Brooks, Tammy Wynette

impersonator. \$20 per person For tickets call the church office at 705-457-1891 or

Cranberry Cottage at 705-457-1844

Spaghetti Dinner

When: Saturday, Nov. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Where: Zion United Church at East St. and Hwy 35 in Carnarvon.

Hosted by the Highland Hills United Church (formerly the Zion United Church). Adults - \$15, Children 8 and under -\$7. at the door.

All proceeds going to the Minden Food Bank.

Sea Sick

When: Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion,

Haliburton

Award winning science journalist and playwright Alanna Mitchell will perform her one-woman play called Sea Sick. Presented by Environment Haliburton! and Abbey Gardens. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage, Minden Organic Times, Abbey Gardens and online at http://abbeygardens. ca/product/sea-sick-nov-12/ for \$25.





Curling rocks!

Highlands youngster Olivia Gruppe practices her curling skills during the Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Program offering on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in Haliburton. There are 28 elementary school aged children, which includes 11 first-time curlers in the development program that meets after school every Tuesday until spring. Busing is provided for the area students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School thanks to community support. This program has volunteer coaches, who are composed of area teenagers and the club's membership. Also, the program includes a Friday session for 19 high school aged curlers. /DARREN LUM Staff



Call for Proposals Property Management Services

William's Landing is a year-round fractional ownership cottage development on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog.

The Board of Directors is interested in retaining the services of an individual or company to assist in the management of the property including maintenance, owner services, budgeting and accounting.

A detailed call for proposals may be obtained by interested parties by writing to the Board at board@williamslandingcottages.com.

The proposal period closes November 30, 2018.



First-year curlers Finn Taylor-Bayly and Evan Backus practice their sweeping with volunteer teenage coaches looking on during the Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Program offering on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Novice LL

On Saturday, Oct. 27 the Dewayen Simms Construction LL Novice 2 took on the Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting LL Novice 1 Team.

The Dewayen Simms Construction team took an early lead on an unassisted goal by McCartney Saunders but, the lead was short lived when Brightwoods answered back a minute later on a goal by Cruz Neave. Mason Latanville beat Brightwoods goalie Carter Knapton late in the first giving the Dewayen Simms Construction team a 2-1 lead going into the second.

The second period was an eventful one as the Brightwoods team took the lead on two quick goals by Gideon Borgdorff and Brody Hartwig. Not to be outdone, the Dewayen Simms Construction team battled back with two tallies of their own by Saunders to take back the lead. With two minutes left in the second, Brightwoods put the pressure on with a pass from Hunter Hamilton to Brody Hartwig for his second goal of the game and to tie the game going into the third period.

The start of the third was back and forth action. The Dewayen Simms Construction team struck first with two more goals by McCartney Saunders. Mason Latanville and Lyla Degeer assisting on the first and Mason Latanville and Gabriel Loney drawing the assists on the second. The action didn't end there as both teams turned up the pass and with that, Brightwoods' goalie Carter Knapton and Dewayen Simms Construction's goalie Landyn Simms did the same, making save after save. In the final seconds of the game Brightwoods stormed back with Brody Hartwig's hat trick goal he drew Brightwoods within one. With 26 seconds left and goalie pulled, Brightwoods fought forward to try to tie the game but fell just short in this hard-fought battle between the Storm teams. Final score was 6-5 for Dewayen Simms Construction.

By Cory Simms

Peewee LL

On Saturday, Oct. 27 the Peewee LL Home Hardware team travelled to Gravenhurst to take on the Muskoka Bears. The Bears came out strong and scored the only goal during the first period of the game. They fought back when Wyatt Raposo tied up the game with an unassisted goal. The third period was action packed with Storm pulling ahead with a goal at 13 minute mark by Alex Hendry assisted by Cayden Russell and Adam Davis. The Bears were not giving up and retaliated tying the game. Nathan Harrison took control, scored an unassisted goal giving Storm a 3-2 lead. The Storm continued to battle and Emery Bagshaw scored her first goal in a Storm jersey assisted by Davis and Hendry. The Bears kept up the pressure with another goal at two-minute mark. Harrison scored another beauty with one minute left in the game assisted by Russell and Raposo giving Storm the win 5-3. The next game will be Saturday Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. in Minden where they taken on the Almaguin Ice Devils.

By Marita Bagshaw

Novice

The Haliburton Timber Mart and Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Highland Storm Novice Rep team travelled to Parry Sound on Sunday afternoon for a match against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Isaac Trotter led the scoring by deking out three Shamrock players then placing the puck in the net. Matt Scheffee played a strong game and scored the sec-

ond goal for the Storm with a quick pass just off the face-off. With only 15 seconds left in the second period, Parry Sound got one in the net. In the third, Ethan DeCarlo continued to make great passes up to the forward line. Henry Neilson fired the third goal in for the Storm, for a Storm 3-1 win. Good luck to the team next weekend as they play two games against the Almaguin Ice Devils on Saturday and face the Mariposa Lighting on Sunday.

By Sara Gruppe

Peewee

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's hosted the Matt Duchene Peewee Rep Tournament in Minden on Oct. 27. The Storm played the first game of the tournament versus the North Bay Trappers. The two teams were evenly matched, but Storm's Addison St Cyr scored the first goal late in the first. The second period was again back and forth. North Bay scored and the Storm answer with a beauty top shelf goal by Mak Prentice. The third period was all North Bay. They scored two back-to-back goals making it 3-2, but with a minute left St Cyr scored and tying the game for a 3-3

The Peewee A's second tournament game was versus the Pembroke Kings

This game was a game of a lot of chances and great saves. Addison St Cyr scored the first goal with 45 seconds left of the first on a power play. Then he scored another goal early in the second on another power play and the third and final goal was scored by Austin Boylan with one minute left on a power play. The final score was 3-0 win for the Storm.

The Peewee A's faced the Stayner Cyclones for their third and final game.

The game started with a goal by Austin Boylan but Stayner answered with two goals. The second period Addison St Cyr scored the tying goal and it was a 2-2 hockey game going into the third. The game stayed tied up until the last minute and then Stayner scored two goals. Winning the game and knocking the Highland Storm out of the finals. The next upcoming games for The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's is on Nov. 10 at 4:30 in Parry Sound versus the Shamrocks.

By Amber Card

Bantam

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantam team had a busy weekend.

Starting off Friday night the Storm faced the Orono Leafs at home winning 7-1. Goals were scored by Dylan Keefer (2), Kyan Hall, Mathias Lee, Ryan Rupnow, Jackson Wilson and Nick Phippen.

Excellent goaltending by Darian Maddock. Saturday, the Storm hit the road and headed to Astorville to play the East Ferris Vipers. At the end of the first period the Storm were leading 3-2 with goals scored by Dylan Keefer, Nick Phippen and Matthew Wilson with his first goal of the season. The second period passed with no goals for either side. The Vipers tied the game up halfway through the third period. With five minutes left in the game Evan Armstrong scored making it 4-3, then with a minute left in play Dylan Keefer passed the puck to Jackson Wilson who took it alongside the net to pass back out front to Dylan Keefer who scored making the final score 5-3 Storm. On Sunday the Storm travelled to play the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Goals were scored by Dylan Keefer with two and Gage Hutchison. Assists by Ryan Rupnow, Kyan Hall and Evan Armstrong. The Storm had a hard time containing the Shamrocks' offence with their home crowd behind them. The Storm were unable to finish off the weekend with a win. Next game is Thursday, Nov. 1 in Little Britain to face the Mariposa Lightning.

By Jessica LLoyd

Midget

The Highland Storm Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team travelled to Powassan Oct. 28 and met with the Hawks. It was a fast paced, aggressive game that ended 4-4. Both teams came out strong in the scoreless first period. The Storm team pressed hard offensively, however it was the Hawks that got the first goal in the second. Minutes later the Storm answered back, Davies made a quick pass to Robinson, who was in front of the Hawks' net and he deked out the goalie for the tying goal. Shortly after, a defensive error led to a giveaway goal, making it 2-1 for the Hawks. The Storm took advantage of a four-minute power play and took the lead. Haedicke controlled the puck behind the net, then fed Gilbert the perfect pass to find the opening for the tying

With the Storm still dominating the power play, Walker took a shot from the point and Davies deflected it in, the Storm took the lead 3-2. Late in the second, the Storm team pressed on, Robinson stole the puck and quickly chipped it in and grabbed a two-goal lead. The Hawks' turn came with a five-on-three power play and they took full advantage of it and tied the game. The last minutes of the third period was action filled and entertaining. Both teams aggressively trying to score. The Storm had a extra man advantage with seconds left, however the Midgets returned home with a 4-4 tie. On Nov. 2 the Midgets will be travelling to Millbrook to take on the Stars.

Atom LL 2

On Saturday, Oct. 28 the TD Atom LL 2 travelled to Gravenhurst to take on the Parry Sound Marshall Black Atoms. During the first period Zach Lowe kept the scoring to a minimum with some amazing saves. Parry Sound kept the pressure on throughout the game. By the third period the team started to come together and Ayden Chapman chipped the puck after a hard battle in the corner to pass it up to Eric Bird who skated fast up the boards taking a shot on net which was stopped by the goalie but using his quick reflexes Kamauhl Casey-Russel was able get the rebound and score. A couple of minutes later the duo of Logan Reid and Casey-Russel passing back and forth to bring the puck forward in Parry Sound's zone, Casey-Russel took a shot and Carson Jones was on top of his game, out front grabbing the rebound and scoring his first goal of the season. Parry Sound was proved to be a tough team and ultimately won with a score of 8-2.

By Chris McMartin

Atoms

On Saturday the GJ Burtch Atoms hosted the Canadian Tire Bancroft Jets at the Keith Tallman arena in Wilberforce. Then they went to Bancroft Sunday in a home and home exhibition series. What the Storm gave up in size they took right back in work ethic and determination.

Eric Mueller set up Isaac Borgdorff for a one timer to tie the game at one halfway through the first. After Bancroft got two

quick goals in the third Mueller answered with a goal of his own. This time it was Tavia Harris's work in her own end that earned her and Maxime Little the assists. Despite their effort the Storm lost 4-2. Sunday the Storm again kept the Jets in their own end a lot. Goals scored by Brody Hartwig assisted by Olivia Gruppe and Sadie Evans-Fockler and a second goal by Eric Mueller unassisted. The Storm however could not seem to stop one kid from Bancroft, losing this game as well 4-2. For the fans, Sunday's game went to a shootout regardless of the score. The Storm would win the shootout 2-1. Goals were scored by Jacob Davis and Benton Lloyd. Jacob Lloyd made some thrilling saves as he stopped 12 of 13 shooters from Bancroft. Saturday the Storm hosts South Muskoka in Minden at 1 p.m. and plays Parry Sound in Bracebridge at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

By Jamie Lloyd

Atom A

This past weekend the Ridgewood Ford and Castle Cottage County Building Supplies Atom A team took to their home rinks hosting the annual Matt Duchene Tournament. The Storm opened up the tournament with an early start applying consistent pressure leading to a 3-0 win over the visiting North Bay Trappers. Goals by Josh Scheffee (2) and Jace Mills assisted by Deagan Davison and Parker

The Atoms hit the ice again at noon versus the Ennismore Eagles. A goal by Deagan Davison assisted by Brady Burtch got the Storm on the board however the momentum shifted in favour of the Eagles proving difficult to come back from. This game featured some incredible goaltending from young Chase Winder holding the score to a 2-1 final in favour of the Eagles.

The Storm faced the Sturgeon Thunder team for their third game of the day and back in winning form goals from Caleb Manning, Jace Mills assisted by Brady Burtch and another pair from Josh Scheffee assisted by Jace Mills and Austin Latanville. With no goals coming from Sturgeon Lake, a 4-0 finish left the Storm ready to head to the semifinals in the

Game 4 of the tournament was against the Lindsay Muskies. The Muskies opened scoring halfway through the first period. McClean Rowden answered back with a goal assisted by Austin Latanville and Brady Burtch. Chase Winder stood on his head stopping a multitude of shots along the ice. Josh Scheffee would go on to score his first of the game assisted by Toby Posti putting the Storm ahead by one, only to get tied up heading in the third. The Muskies took the lead in the third however with only 24 seconds remaining the game Jace Mills found the back of the net. Into overtime with only 33 seconds to go in three-on-three play Josh Scheffee got a beautiful stretch pass from Evan Jones 100 feet away putting it short side stunning the Muskies goalie.

The final game saw the Storm struggle to repeat the performance yet putting in a solid 35 minutes of play only being able to score once by Austin Latanville on the tournament champion South Muskoka Bears ending in a score of 3-1. A solid coaching effort led our Atom A's to their strongest showing of the season so far and we commend them for their dedication to the hockey team.

Up next please come out and watch on Friday night as the Atom team takes on the Sturgeon Thunder at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

By Pasi Posti



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It's all but a no for HHHS levy

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

All debate about levying the almost \$1 million remaining on the Haliburton Highlands

Health Services' capital loan is now officially caput. Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says that the will and means to do so at the political level are simply not there.

"If the will is not at the county level, you'll lose that much more when it gets down to the municipalities," said Harrison, who addressed the issue at both a county council meeting on Wednesday and a HHHS board of directors meeting on

Thursday. The idea of a levy to solve the HHHS debt was a riddle that now seems to have no solution. Provincial legislation will not allow the county to implement a flat tax, so any such levy would have to be drawn from property taxes at the level of the four individual municipalities

Harrison said at the onset of the \$6 million capital loan, she would have had 90 per cent support for a levy among her constituents. Now, seven years on from the birth of the HIHIS foundation, she believes it would be likely be only half of that. Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey said those percentages would closely mirror his own municipality.

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Winking witch

Young witch Paige Billings winks away the day at the annual Ontario Early Years Halloween luncheon in Hallburton last week.

Politicians vow to counteract property value increases

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Local politicians are promising to do their best to adjust municipal tax rates in light of the recent property assessment increases

We knew there was going to be quite an increase," says Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman. "But you know, just because the assessment goes up doesn't mean your taxes will

go up."

The Municipal Property
Assessment Corporation
mailed assessment notices to ratepayers early last week. Haliburton County was hit with some of the most dramatic hikes in the province – espe-cially on waterfront residences, which on average increased 35 to 40 percent. Some properties have gone up as much as 52 per cent in value since the last re-assessment two years ago.

The variation depends on whether the waterfront dwelling was a year around residence or a summer cottage. (Summer cottage assessment increases were typically higher by about five per cent).

In Highlands East, waterfront residences shot up an average of 29 to 36 per cent. Hikes in Dysart et al were even more severe, with 35 to 41 per cent increases. Both municipalities were well above the provincial increase average of 25 per cent in waterfront values.

"It's what we anticipated and hopefully we can reflect that in the tax rate," says Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al.

But it wasn't just lakeside owners who saw changes in their property value. Non-

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\$445,000

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